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Thread: [Hack Forum News - Edition 49](#)

Mix - May 25, 2026, 4:01 pm

Hack Forum News - Edition 49

Welcome back to the Hack Forum News. Where we keep you up to date on the weekly events and news happening on site and around the world. If you have never heard of the Hack Forum News, don't worry, we have you covered. We are a team of members from the Hack Forums community who are journalists and writers, and we are here to keep you in the loop of the changes around the site and the events happening around the world.

If you prefer reading with the blog format, head over to [HF blogs](#)

Writer - [Wake](#)

[Avatar Display Size Increased](#) By [Omniscient](#)

This week we saw a small update to user avatars across the forum. When avatar file sizes were increased to 150KB yesterday, it was also realised the display size in threads had never been updated after the original jump from 100x100 to 120x150 quite some time ago. This has now been corrected meaning avatars displayed on posts will properly match the full 120x150 dimensions and new upload limit. This change will allow members to make better use of higher quality images and smoother animated avatars without losing detail in thread view. With the updated sizing now fully reflected across posts do you think you will be changing or upgrading your avatar? Let the team know in the replies below.

[Mailing List / Newsletter](#) By [Omniscient](#)

We are looking for community feedback on a possible new feature for the forum, an official mailing list / newsletter for members. The idea would be a opt in weekly email covering things like hot threads, important announcements, community highlights, and other useful updates from around the forum. The goal would be to keep members informed, while also giving users an easy way to stay connected with what is happening around the forum. Would this be something you would sign up for or do you usually ignore solicited emails altogether? Let the feedback thread know your thoughts in the replies.

[JS Adjustments](#) By [Omniscient](#)

We have seen a small behind the scenes adjustment to the forum by minifying two of HF's custom JavaScript files. The change reduces the overall loading size by a decent amount, helping improve performance and page load efficiency across the site. Everything should be working as expected, but with any optimisation update, there is always a chance of unexpected behaviour. If you happen to notice anything unusual involving tabs, conversations, or notifications, please report it in the

original thread.

[Vibe 250\\$ Crypto Giveaway - CRACK THE SEED - V4](#) By [7](#)

Crack the seed V4 is almost here with \$250 of SOL locked inside a wallet up for grabs. Starting 7 days from now participants will receive 12 riddles one per day for 12 days, each of the riddles reveal part of the wallet seed phrase. Once the final riddle has been solved the race is on for the first participant to unlock the wallet and transfer the SOL claiming the entire prize. Applications are now open for the next 7 days with the wallet being posted in advance using Trust Wallet. If you think you have what it takes to crack the seed first head over to the original thread and claim your spot in the challenge.

Writer - [Mix](#)

Last Week:

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

As a suggestion has been made to include the Forum stats from the board statistics we have added a few changes as seen below. The layout may change in the near future but we will see.

Forum Stats

Members: 5,759,434 -> 5,760,510 (+1,076)

Posts: 62,957,714 -> 62,960,083 (+2,369)

Threads: 6,325,667 -> 6,325,980 ((+313)

Future editions will include bytes volume, Quick Loves, completed contracts, contracts. Below I am adding the current values to allow us to have a starting point for future editions within a spoiler.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

Bytes: 29,539,765 -> N/A (N/A)

Quick Loves: 52,970 -> N/A (N/A)

Total Contracts: 411,643 -> N/A (N/A)

Completed Contracts: 160,575 -> N/A (N/A)

Writer - [Mix](#)

[????](#) Has obtained the "King Decade" award -
[Binance](#) Has obtained the "Rat Expert" award -

Writer - [Oh_Well](#)

? [\[Release\] HF News Archive Project](#)
by [xadamxk](#)

A valuable preservation project for HF history. [xadamxk](#) put together an offsite archive covering hundreds of HF News editions, thousands of events, notable threads, awards, group activity, contributors, and more - all searchable through a clean web viewer. It's an impressive project when you realize how much old community history could disappear without efforts like this.

? [What are we doing](#)
by [ModernEHustle](#)

A thread that says out loud what a lot of people quietly feel. [ModernEHustle](#) opens up about feeling lost, stressed, and unsure what the point of everything is, and the replies turn into a surprisingly grounded discussion about purpose, money, social pressure, faith, mental health, and finding direction. Members share different ways of looking at life, from building a plan to cutting down on toxic social media loops. Not every good thread needs a perfect answer - sometimes the value is just knowing you are not the only one thinking it.

? [\[DISCUSSION\] Does anyone feel life after 2020 has completely changed?](#)
by [Mastercarder](#)

A relatable discussion about the strange post-2020 atmosphere many people still feel. [Mastercarder](#) points to the social, mental, financial, and cultural shifts that made life feel more isolated, more algorithmic, and more exhausting than before. The thread touches on rising prices, short-form content, weaker real-life social habits, nostalgia, and whether technology has gone from being a tool we use to something that uses us. This thread captures a feeling most people have noticed, even if they explain it differently.

? [If you'll give your son 1 advice what would it be?](#)
by [mention=5607021]

A simple question that turned into a collection of life lessons from different stages of experience. [mention=5607021] starts with the idea that people cannot be expected to understand what you want or need unless you say it directly, and members expand from there with advice about ownership, family, money, relationships, bad habits, regret, and self-respect. Some replies are serious, some are classic HF, but together they make the thread feel honest. Every answer says something about the person giving it.

? [Finally coming to United States of America](#)
by [Adolfi](#)

A travel thread with the usual HF mix of recommendations, warnings, and humor. [Adolfi](#) asks for five places to visit during a 30-day first trip to the United States, looking for casinos, mountains, nightlife, beaches, and nature. Members suggest places like Miami, Las Vegas, California, Hawaii, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Glacier, Grand Canyon, Olympic National Park, Seattle, Tahoe, NYC, and Texas - while also warning about customs, electronics, and not turning a vacation into a legal problem. Chaotic, useful, and very HF at the same time.

? [You're not crazy, more than half of adults are borderline retarded](#)
by [Hackers](#)

A thread about literacy, comprehension, and how difficult serious discussion becomes when people cannot process nuance. [Hackers](#) brings up adult literacy statistics and connects them to bad opinions, online arguments, scams, weak attention spans, and the way people mistake short clips for real understanding. The replies move into a wider point about education, dopamine-driven content, and why long-form explanations often get dismissed as "essays." Harsh title aside, the core discussion raises a real problem: comprehension is becoming one of the biggest filters between people online.

? [What was your first job, what was it like, and what recommendations would you give?](#)
by [TheNaturalBoy](#)

A practical thread about first jobs and the lessons people carried from them. [TheNaturalBoy](#) asks members what their first work experience was like, whether it helped them grow, and what younger people should avoid or look for. Replies include hardware stores, grocery stores, pizza shops, customer service, accounting, fast food, and the usual regrets about wasting early paychecks instead of saving or buying Bitcoin. A good reminder that even low-paying, stressful first jobs can teach discipline, patience, and how people really operate. My take - consider everything as a stepping stone. You won't get stuck there forever, life is a marathon.

Writer - [Chrome](#)

GROUPS FOR SALE AND SOLD

[Succubus group](#) is still listed for sale by [SecretAchiever101](#)

[Mystery Inc](#) listed for sale by [Scooby](#)

RECENT GROUP CHANGES & EVENTS

[5chn4pp](#) & [Unknown](#) has been added as leader to Equilibrium

RECRUITMENTS:

[Hack Forums News Team Recruitment](#)
[The Brotherhood Recruitment](#)
[Pink LSZ Recruitment](#)
[Warriors Recruitment](#)
[Gamblers Recruitment](#)
[Olympians leader recruitment](#)
[The Academy Recruitment](#)

Writer - [Mix](#)

This weeks Song Of The Week:
Daft Punk - Around The World

[Video: https://youtu.be/K0HSD_i2DvA]

Writer - [Jamika](#)

The Cost of Waiting

Many people spend years waiting for the perfect moment: the perfect opportunity, the perfect plan, the perfect amount of confidence. The problem is that perfection rarely arrives. Most successful people started before they felt fully prepared and figured things out along the way. Progress comes from action, not endless preparation.

Advice of the week

Don't wait until you're ready. Start, then improve as you go.

Quote of the week

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
— Confucius

Mix - May 25, 2026, 4:04 pm

Writer - [Mix](#)

This weeks Movie Of The Week:
Obsession

Trailer:
[Video: <https://youtu.be/gMC8kkwblQQ>]

This movie was submitted on our Submission thread [\[HF News\] Movie Of The Week Submissions](#)

This week's submission is thanks to [ModernEHustle](#)

A movie [ModernEHustle](#) has shared with everyone about a guy who wishes a girl liked him and it has a little twist about the way everything plays out. You can also see this thread the user made about the movie. [OBSESSION](#)

Writer - [????????????](#)

London expands live facial recognition testing across city streets

Police in London are increasing the use of live facial recognition systems in public areas, restarting debates around privacy, surveillance, and public safety.

[Source](#)

SpaceX launches another Starship flight test mission

SpaceX successfully launched its twelfth Starship flight test as the company continues pushing toward fully reusable spacecraft technology.

[Source](#)

Coros believes voice AI could challenge Apple and Garmin

Fitness brand Coros says voice interaction may become the future of smartwatches as AI changes how users communicate with wearable devices.

[Source](#)

Google AI Search may become unavoidable for internet users

A new report suggests Google is aggressively integrating AI into Search and that users may eventually have little choice but to rely on AI generated answers.

[Source](#)

AI technology now being used to recreate voices of dead pilots

New aviation projects are using AI voice cloning technology to recreate voices of deceased pilots for museums, simulations, and historical preservation.

[Source](#)

Writer - [JoshAllen](#)

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We have made the signatures you can copy in the spoiler below.
If you want to use these to support us, we would like to thank you a lot.

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Red

Code

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[align=center][url=https://hackforums.net/forumdisplay.php?fid=2][img]https://hackforums.net/images/hfnews/support-red.png[/img][/url][/align]
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Blue

Code

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[align=center][url=https://hackforums.net/forumdisplay.php?fid=2][img]https://hackforums.net/images/hfnews/support-gray.png[/img][/url][/align]
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Green

Code

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[align=center][url=https://hackforums.net/forumdisplay.php?fid=2][img]https://hackforums.net/images/hfnews/support-magenta.png[/img][/url][/align]
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Orange

Code

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Purple

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A big thank you to all the members who put in the hard work to bring us another edition of HF News this week

[Mix](#) [Cap](#) [Chrome](#) [Jamika](#) [Oh_Well](#) [JoshAllen](#) [Wake](#) [????????????](#) [Thoth](#)

ModernEHustle - May 25, 2026, 4:12 pm

Love that my thread landed in notable. And you're right it's nice to know you're not alone

Mastercarder - May 25, 2026, 10:09 pm

Thanks for the mention! Glad my thread started a little discussion.

Wake - May 26, 2026, 2:51 am

Another great edition, thank you to the HFNT.

xadamxk - May 26, 2026, 6:37 am

Thanks for adding more data to the stats section!!

Hackers - May 26, 2026, 7:39 am

Thanks, I am going to change my thread title to be less offensive... But definitely think it's an important topic. Reading comprehension needs to improve. Understanding content & applying critical thinking is one of the main skills we have as human beings, and to think that skill is going away because of memes, two-career / less available parenting, leave no child behind / pull some

back, and short reels... Not a great tradeoff!

Jamika - May 26, 2026, 3:08 pm

[Mix](#) perfectooo ! Nice work as usual bro
[Binance](#) nice award ?

TheNaturalBoy - May 27, 2026, 11:26 pm

"I feel incredibly happy, honored, and somewhat undeserving to have a slightly recognized thread. Thank you so much :3"

Eran - May 28, 2026, 4:08 pm

Thanks for another extremely detailed thread. I enjoyed the read. Keep up the good work.:)

Pr0m3th3us - May 29, 2026, 8:08 pm

Daft Punk - Around The World

WHAT THE FUCK DID I JUST WATCH! ROFL

Cooligan - May 30, 2026, 7:11 am

Great job as always [Mix](#) - especially those Headlines, nice and chunky paragraphs of information.

What we love to see. ?

This is the only form of news I actually look forward to reading each week, including IRL news lol.

Wake - May 30, 2026, 10:31 am

(May 30, 2026 07:11 AM)Cooligan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great job as always [Mix](#) - especially those Headlines, nice and chunky paragraphs of information.

What we love to see. ?

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Thank you, I worked on that part, glad you enjoyed it.

xadamxk - May 30, 2026, 9:46 pm

I got married boys. It better make the news or I'm protesting

Cooligan - May 30, 2026, 11:02 pm

(May 30, 2026 09:46 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I got married boys. It better make the news or I'm protesting
Are you serious?

If so, AY CONGRATS NOOB! ?

To Facebook I go to see the wedding pics. :D

Mix - May 31, 2026, 10:45 am

(May 30, 2026 09:46 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I got married boys. It better make the news or I'm protesting
Congratz!

Waiting for that thread bro!

JoshAllen - May 31, 2026, 1:56 pm

(May 30, 2026 09:46 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I got married boys. It better make the news or I'm protesting

Congratulations! You deserve a news edition dedicated to you only!

DemonAsylum - May 31, 2026, 3:09 pm

Great work as always! Just another few editions and it will mark a full year, right? Quite a commendable milestone and hopefully just the first of many more years to come with the HF news coverage.